

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A composition for application to the skin comprising a sebum regulator that is a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor, an anti-inflammatory compound and a keratolytic agent, wherein when applied to the skin said composition is capable of at least one of the following: (a) inhibiting or regulating sebum production; (b) inhibiting or treating oily skin; (c) preventing or inhibiting the development of acne; and (d) treating acne when present.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A method of preventing, controlling or inhibiting the oily/shiny appearance of the skin and consequential disorders resulting therefrom comprising the topical application of a composition comprising a sebum regulator that is a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor, an anti-inflammatory compound and a keratolytic agent.

Claim 3 (original): A compound according to claim 1 wherein said composition further comprises a bacterial lipase inhibitor.

Claim 4 (original): A composition according to claim 3 wherein said composition further comprises a bacterial proliferation inhibitor.

Claim 5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 51 wherein said 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor is an amino acid.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 56 wherein said amino acid is a glycine.

Claim 8 (original): A composition according to claim 3 wherein said bacterial lipase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: hydrolyzed wheat protein, hydrolyzed soy protein, cedarwood extract or combinations thereof.

Claim 9 (original): A composition according to claim 1 wherein said anti-inflammatory compound is selected from the group consisting of alpha-bisabolol, dipotassium glycyrrhizinate, allantoin, matricari (*chamomilla recutita*) extract, tocopheryl acetate, green tea (*camellia sinesis*) extract, turmeric (*curcuma longa*) extract and portulaca extract.

Claim 10 (original): A composition according to claim 1 wherein said keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid, benzoyl peroxide, resorcinol, colloidal sulphur, selenium disulphide, sulfur and combinations thereof.

Claim 11 (original): A composition according to claim 4 wherein said bacterial proliferation inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: salicylic acid, tea tree oil, erythromycin and clindamycin.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A composition for application to the skin comprising a sebum regulator that is a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor, a bacterial lipase inhibitor, a keratolytic agent and an anti-inflammatory agent, wherein when applied to the skin said composition is capable of at least one of the following: (a) inhibiting or regulating sebum production; (b) inhibiting or treating oily skin; (c) preventing or inhibiting the development of acne; and (d) treating acne when present.

Claim 13 (canceled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): A composition according to claim 4312 wherein said 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor is an amino acid.

Claim 15 (original): A composition according to claim 14 wherein said amino acid is a glycine.

Claim 16 (original): A composition according to claim 12 wherein said bacterial lipase inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of: hydrolyzed wheat protein, hydrolyzed soy protein, cedarwood extract or combinations thereof.

Claim 17 (original): A composition according to claim 12 wherein said anti-inflammatory compound is selected from the group consisting of alpha-bisabolol, dipotassium glycyrrhizinate, allantoin, matricari (chamomilla recutita) extract, tocopheryl acetate, green tea (camellia sinesis) extract, turmeric (curcuma longa) extract and portulaca extract.

Claim 18 (original): A composition according to claim 12 wherein said keratolytic agent is selected from the group consisting of salicylic acid, benzoyl peroxide, resorcinol, colloidal sulphur, selenium disulphide, sulfur and combinations thereof.

Claim 19 (original): A composition according to claim 12 wherein said composition further comprises a bacterial proliferation inhibitor selected from the group consisting of: salicylic acid, tea tree oil, erythromycin and clindamycin.

Claim 20 (currently amended) A composition for application to the skin comprising sebum regulator that is a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor, cedarwood extract, salicylic acid and portulaca extract.

Claim 21 (currently amended) A composition according to claim 20 wherein said ~~composition~~5-alpha-reductase inhibitor is further comprises an amino acid ~~having 5-alpha reductase inhibition activity~~.

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Claim 22 (original) A composition for application to the skin comprising an amino acid having 5-alpha-reductase inhibition activity, salicylic acid and portulaca extract.

Claim 23 (original) A composition according to claim 22 wherein said amino acid is a glycine.

Claim 24 (original) A method according to claim 2 comprising applying said composition to the skin at least one time per day for at least one week.

Claims 25 (currently amended) A method of controlling or at least inhibiting, the oily nature of skin and consequences thereof, comprising the topical application of a composition containing comprising a cedar wood extract, an amino acid derivative, a cinnamon extract, an anti-inflammatory compound and a keratolytic agent to the affected part of the skin.

Claim 26 (original) A method of treating acne or at least inhibiting acne comprising applying a composition comprising cedar wood extract, an amino acid derivative, a cinnamon extract, an anti-inflammatory compound and a keratolytic agent to skin susceptible to developing excess oiliness.

Claim 27 (currently amended) A method of improving the appearance of skin afflicted with acne comprising the topical application of a composition comprising a sebum regulator that is a 5-alpha-reductase inhibitor, an anti-inflammatory compound and a keratolytic agent whereby the appearance of said skin improves within two days of said topical application.